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Heil Bush! (says Lucian Heichler)

Lucien Heichler says (9/27) that he was born a Jew. Nothing in his article threatening Jews who do not agree with him and current U.S. policy indicates that he is in any other sense a Jew, a question also raised by, among other things, the phone-book listing at his address and with the same phone number of "Muriel N., Rev."

What he writes is as fundementally anti-American as anything I can remember. The thrust is that if anyone, particularly Jews, does not agree with any U.S, policy at any time that "raises questions about loyalty."

He says ~~that is~~ that if American Jews believe in policies "at varience with those of the United States... you are laying yourselves open not only to time-honored (sic) anti-Semitic hostility and slander, but to reasonable, even justified suspicion of divided loyalty and potential disloyalty to" this country! Even belong on "the Attorney General's list as the registered agent of a foreign government." More, ought not hold "positions of trust" in the government "because of reasonable doubt about where their loyalties lie."

This is straightforward McCarthyism in this country as it was the Sieg Heil! belief under Hitler.

The Sieg Heil! comparison is not inappropriate because there were Jews who became Hitler functionaries. They were then referred to as the Judenrate and in practise they were the Judas goats of the Holocaust.

In seeking to accredit himself Heichler says he is "a surviror of the Holocaust" who "came to America over 50 years ago." Both statements cannot be true because the Holocaust, as distinguished from Hitler's earlier anti-Jewish practises, ~~the holocaust~~ had not then begun.

There is nothing more basic in true American belief than the right, no, really the obligation, of Americans to oppose policies with which they do not agree.

To the Heichler-minded those Americans, of whom I was one, who opposed our government's policy of not meeting its obligations to the ~~democratically elected - the~~ very first democratically elected government of Spain, were subversive. The fact is that the Franco regime was fascist, part of the Hitler-Mussolini axis, ~~and established~~ it was able to become the murderous anti-

democratic dictatorship it was only because of axis military participation and support. This was immediately hurtful to the U.S. and the rest of the free world because it was the proving ground for Hitler's newest military equipment and policies, such as dive-bombing, which ~~and that~~ extended to innocent civilians.

To the Heichler-minded it was subversive to oppose U.S. policy that had the effect of helping both Hitler and Mussolini when under international law we had the obligation not to support ~~them when they~~ those who invaded and conquered other countries - and the consequences to the United States and other countries was absolutely disaster. It made Hitler more powerful and better able to kill Americans and others.

To the Heichler-minded it was subversive to oppose U.S. policies that made Japan and particularly its military more powerful and better able to kill so many thousands of american as, for example, in providing Japan with steel, the very steel that ~~were~~ was used at Pearl Harbor and throughout the war, especially in the Jaoanese navy, ~~which already exceeded the limits imposed upon "apund by treaties to which it was sifnatory.~~

There have been innumerable additional wrong and self-hurting U.S. polices, including of more recent date. Traditional and correct American belief is not to rubber-stamp whatever policy, often whim, of ~~any~~ government. It requires that those not agreeing with such ~~so~~ policies oppose them.

Any other concept is anti-American and it is the real subversion in a society like ours. Any other concept is the ~~"eil~~ Sieg Heil! however, it may be phrased.

In my younger writing days as an investigative reporter I exposed a series of Nazi cartels and their interference ~~in~~ with defense preparation, later the war. Such extraordinarily important investigations as synthetic rubber and synthetic gasoline were denied us by our cartel arrangements with the Nasis. To the Heichler-minded this made me a subversive. But those cartels existed only because of a very wrong U.S. policy.

~~Yet~~ Both inherent and explicit is Heichler's diatribe against Jews who do not agree with the current Bush Middle-East policy - ~~with which he actually expresses this Sieg "eil! belief~~ - is that opposing this Bush policy makes me and most other American Jews subversive, unworthy of trust and proper candidates for official subversive listings!

Heichler himself is fortunate to have escaped the U.S. policy of denying most Jewish refugees from Hitler entry into the United States, a policy of almost all the world. The most dramatic illustration of this is our refusal to permit the S. ship St. Louis to dock and unload a crowded shipload of European Jews who were thus forced back to be incinerated by ~~Hitler et al.~~ Thousands of Jewish children who had been gathered on the Mediterranea coast of Vicky France would have survived ~~if~~ were it not for the fact that <u>not a single country in the entire would would accept them</u>.

There are innumerable similar instances. To the Heichler-minded this was as it should be, national policies being always perfect, another thrust of his article, and those who disagreed were ~~subversive~~ "disloyal" and unworthy of trust.

Some of the most prestigious and influential of American Jews, including even a Supreme Court Justice, supported the U.S. policy of denying ~~the~~ entry to Jews who escaped Hitler ~~entry~~.

Heichler reflects the opposite of ~~an understanding of~~ what authentic American belief is in insisting, as he does, that the policy of any administration is automatically the correct policy although the education that qualified him for his "profession as a member of the american diplomatic service" should have given him some inkling of the terrible catastrophes from ~~of~~ some of those policies. ~~Not excluding their contribution to World War II.~~

There is a long-forgotten book of my youth that the Heichlers, of whom ~~there is no~~ shortage, keeps me from forgetting after more years than he has been here. Robert Nathan wrote "Road of Ages." It is the story of the hegira of the Jews of the world to a remote area of Siberia, the only place they were to be permitted to live. Its doctrine is that a Jew is primarily something else - a banker, a union organizer, an industrialist or a follower <u>of one of the arts</u>.

~~This fits Heichler perfectly. He is primarily not a Jew or for that matter even a believer in the beliefs of~~ Heichler does not believe as our founding fathers believed. He is ~~primarily~~ an unquestioning supporter of whatever U.S. policy he ~~is~~ was paid to support. Like condemning those European Jews less lucky than he to Hitler's incineration.

Nowhere in his article is there any effort to explain to his readers the backrgound of the current Middle East tragedies or ~~of~~ what is wight and wrong, then, he just assumes that Bush

is perfect and correct ~~or of who has legitimate claims to the disputed territories or how,~~ if at all possible, ~~these~~ claims can be fairly resolved when two peoples each have ~~legitimate~~ claims to ~~it~~ (wrong polices within his lifetime and mine are the direct cause) ~~or what for~~ a man with a "profession" of diplomacy ~~how this compares with~~ the solutions or absence of solutions of the past ~~and the recent past~~ or how it is entirely inconsistent with them.

In short, his article is official propaganda to which ~~a McCarthyite~~ threat ~~is added~~.

What is really "knee-jerk" in his ~~distrabile~~ is not "accusations of anti-Semitism," justified as he makes such a charge against himself. ~~It is~~ his blind, unthinking, un-~~critical~~ support of U.S. polices ~~that~~ always change and are always supported through all their changes by the Heichlers, without regard to what the world has learned from terrible aspects of world history.

Throughout he expresses his own prejudices and biases, as in the absolutely indecent allegation that Israel is "a fascist police state" because of its treatment of "its own 'colored' (Oriental) Asian and african) Jews."

He can say this with what is so well known about the hazard, the ~~costs~~ and continuing cost to Israel of saving all those black Ethopian Jews, of keeping them when they cannot and do not contribute to Israeli society, of educating them so that they can - of adding all these enormous costs to the monumental national debt.

When Heichler can unashamedly say ~~this he has characterized himself as no one can do as definitively~~.

He is a Sieg Heil! hack ~~or~~ current U.S. policy, without thinking about it without concern for truth, morality or decency.

~~And~~ He does unbag ~~valu~~ e as much as says that Bush's new policy, the policy Heichler supports, is to abandon Israel after all its loyalty to the United States at such great cost to it, most recently in ~~taking without retaliation~~ all those Iraqi Scuds that did so much damage to it because ~~that~~ served U.S. interests and policies ~~and~~ to form alliances with the ~~Muslim~~ world, which he describes as "unstable" and "volatile," supports tyrannical. Why this new policy?

~~Why?~~ Because our "strategic interests" require it. No he does not say. He cannot because it is not true.

And why is this so important now? Because in his rewriting of well-known history "For 40 years Israel has been an albatross around the neck of U.S. policy, making it difficult or impossible to pursue a truly advantageous foreign policy in the Middle East.

He does not explain this and for those who understand that thing, no explanation is needed.

As a boy Heichler escaped Hitler, but his mind never did. In this artcile he is an unashamed exponent of ~~complete~~ authoritarianism, of blind, unthinking support ~~of~~ for any and every policy of any and every administration, no matter how faulted, and to that he adds the clearly-stated threat of McCarthyite retaliation, alleging that all who do not agree with any and every policy are disloyal and are properly subject to retaliation.

He could not ~~have been as~~ be more completely and ~~as~~ unalterably the enemy of authentic traditional American ~~American/belief and that glorious tradition of espousing~~ all beliefs in freedom. Unlike ~~the hallmark of freedom and of American truth contribution to world~~ concepts of freedom. Heichler ~~at~~ does not presume that any president or any policy is always perfect and is not independent of criticism.

Only authoritarians believe as he does.

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